

Biography.

It was the ever memorable year of the death of our prophets and Patriarchs, Joseph and Hyram Smith, that I was ushered into this vale of tears, being born, also, on the same day and month as the Prophet Joseph, the 23rd of December 1844, in a small hamlet called Lye Hill, in the Forest of Marlborough, the very beautiful estate of Lord (and Lady) Ailesbury, who was Lord of the Manor to the Queen of England.

My parents, Henry George Newman and Jane Bird, were humble, god-fearing people, honest and industrious; who when hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, embraced it with all their hearts. Having heretofore been members of the Methodist persuasion. On receiving the true Gospel, they also partook of the spirit of Gathering, and from that time on every spare shilling was laid by with the view of gathering their family to Zion.

Our facilities for Education were very limited, the nearest school at that time being about two miles distant, in a small room in an ^{village} ~~village~~ cottage in Tottenham Copse, in the rear of Tottenham House, Country seat of the Marquis and Marchioness of Ailesbury where a few boys and girls of the surrounding villages and hamlets gathered together to learn the common branches of Education. dispensed by a Miss Hannah Wilcox of Frome.

We were often visited by the dear old Lord and Lady, more especially by the Lady and her Steward, who nearly always brought cake and plum pudding with which to treat the children. In connection with our few studies, we learned knitting and sewing, doing much of the plain sewing - mucking &c. for the House.

The first thing of importance, that rivited itself